

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 424
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Baker Buick in Gallatin and owner Robert Pate for many years of service to the community.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those successful businesses, that, through their many years of fine service to their communities, have enriched the lives of citizens for generations; and

WHEREAS, Baker Buick is one such fine establishment, having served the Gallatin area with distinction since the 1920s; and

WHEREAS, the oldest single Buick dealership in Middle Tennessee, Baker Buick will be discontinuing its relationship with General Motors; Robert Pate, the owner, will continue selling used cars at Baker; and

WHEREAS, established in the late 1920s by Will Henry Baker as Baker Service Station, the business evolved into one of the first car dealerships in the area; initially, even though few owned cars at the time, Will Baker was one of the first in the area to offer repair service for automobiles; and

WHEREAS, in 1947, Baker was awarded the Buick franchise; after a dreadful fire in the 1960s, the business was rebuilt at its current location on Nashville Pike; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Robert H. Pate, Sr. assumed control of the dealership and was recognized by this General Assembly for his 25 years of service; and

WHEREAS, the current owner, Robert Pate, began working at Baker with his father in 1980, continuing the legacy; demonstrating his longevity in the automotive business, Robert Pate has seen many changes in the automobile industry; and

WHEREAS, Robert Pate and his family are most appreciative of the support they have received from the citizens in Gallatin; and

WHEREAS, Baker Buick has provided a substantial and valuable service to the citizens of Gallatin for many years and will be sorely missed; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize Robert Pate and the employees of Baker Buick on their many years of laudable service to the people of Gallatin, and wish them the best in their every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.